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SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Intelligencer instances the fact that Mr. McDougall's recent motion to amend the army appropriation bill by adding a clause apprepriating \$20,000 to purchase camels for an experiment in military transportation ever our Western deserts, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of War, was ruled out of order, when a similar proposition for the purchase of more horses or wagons for the same purpose would have been declared in order; and draws from it the very natural conclusion, that the House rules of order are sadly in want of amendment. The same journal highly compliments the recent message of Governor Adams, of South Carolina.

The Union argues that a free peo le are always opposed to secret societies, and rays the Whig and Abolition " Washington Corres pondents" over the knuckles, for their attacks upon the "Democracy," on (the alleged) account of their sympathy with Russia. Gen A. C. Dodge, publishes in this morning's Union an elaborate and able letter in defence of his course on the Nebraska question.

PERSONAL.

a failure under his managema t. He contesses that he has been grievously disappointed in the temper of the American people-finding them much less disposed than he had imagined upon all subjects.

.... Ex-Governor Graham has introduced into the Senate of North Carolina, a bill providing for the call of a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State.

.... An injunction has been put upon the Brooklyn Common Council to prevent their paying Mayor Lambert \$2,000 additional salary, and several other sums ordered paid. The Hon Edward A Hannegan, form-

erly United States Senator from Indians, we learn, proposes shortly to remove to Califor nia, to resume the practice of law.

.... General Scroggs, of Buffalo, the K. N. candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York at the recent election, has a cepted an invitation to deliver the annual address before An exchange says:

"The marriage of Miss Ida Bacon to Professor Latham has caused a delightful flutter in the intellectuo-pious world of Washington. The ceremony took place in the E street Bapthere. On one occasion, (in that country, ties church, on the 26th instant. Six grooms some fourteen years ago) we asked him why men and bridesmaids on a side! White vests, gloves, satins, slippers, and artificials, ad infi mitum. The men all grins, the girls all which were then being sent to him. His blushes, elderly spinsters hysterical, and mothers lachrymose! The bride is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Bacon, of Columbia College, and the groom is a professer in a Baptist female seminary at Richmond.

(Iowa) Tribune, an Abolition print, has been expelled from his seat at the reporter's desk, within the bar of the Senate, on a charge of falsely reporting the proceedings of that body One of the "Satanie's" very modest

correspondents, writing from this point, says "The Herald is almost the only 'institution' which gives any interest to Washington | time to do anything else than to settle affairs circles. Members of Congress actually depend upon it for learning what is going on at the capital. The two Houses of Congress read President Pierce and his Cabinet through game; one in which the chances were altothe Hersld; and as a distinguished Senator gether too many against him, as though he remarked to me, but for the revelations of the Herald we should all in Washington be in ignorance of the most important political do- day, he might not be so fortunate in that sure ings of our Government. Immediately after to be on his hands on the morrow. The the arrival of the cars in the evening it is old man, we presume, is as little likely to acitician to the boarding-school miss 'just coming out,' and in all places, from beside the Baptist church of which his wife has long the gas-light on the street corner, to the par | been a leading and most earnest and active

This is all fudge! It may be well to remind people at a distance, what is known to all dent that if anybody undertakes to "chal-Washington, that scarcely one of the hundred lenge" him this winter, the Old Man will be stories daily published in the "Satanic," are correct It would take the entire space of any one paper published here to keep a daily lenger, and all concerned with him, to "take a record and expose the wilful falsehoods of this little walk" (or ride) over to the premises of mendacious sheet. It is sought after for the Mr. Thomas Thornley. same reason as the "Police Gazette"-to satisfy a morbid, vitiated taste.

.... Wm. Seymour, Esq , of Hardy county, Va., is nominated by the Whigs of that county as a suitable candidate for Governor.

.... Alexander H. H. Stuart, of Augusta, is nominated by a "True Whig" in the Wheel-.... In the seventh Congressional district of Illinois, where Allen, Dem., is returned as having one majority, he has been officially notified by Archer, Whig, that he intends to contest the seat, on the ground that the returns do not correspond with the pell books.

.... Senator Gwin's visit to Los Angelos, in California, was made the occasion of a brilliant excitement among his friends and constituents. He received a most cordial welcome; and the feeling which his talents and services in behalf of his native State have created for him was testified in the kindly demonstration made towards him.

.... The Cleveland, Ohio, Herald a few days since published the following notice: "If James Johnson will call at this office he will hear of something to his advantage." To which the following reply was next day re-

"Mister Editor-I thank you for your kind intentions, but I have no idea of being catched by the police. Yours, hurriedly,

JAMES JOHNSON." Rev. Jacob R. Scott, formerly Chapiain of the University of Virginia, has accepted a call from the Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y., to become their pastor.

Hon. Wm. Ballard Preston as a candidate in introduced his bill to carry out the Executive's opposition to Mr. Wise, and Mr. C. F. Trigg to run for Congress against Col. F. McMullin. Mr. Elbert Martin, of Lee county, is also proposed as a candidate for Congress in the 13th district.

.... In the crim. con. case of Hope vs. Aquado, on trial in London, the plaintiff is Adrian Hope, son of the author of Anastasius, and the defendant Count Olympo Aquodo, long known in Parisian fashionable and sport. ing circles.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP. Coast Colonization Project -Some of the newspapers, deceived by the transparent misrepresentations of Bennett's Herald, seem to gress, all of which must be neglected, to the give countenance to the roorback that says injury of the public service, whenever the that an expedition to seize upon the Mosquito coast country, is preparing to start from the United States, with the sanction of the United States Government, and under the special protection of England. Such is the sum and substance of what the Herald has been publishing for a fortnight past, upon the subject. It is due to truth that this story shoul i be set at rest. So we have to say, that as far as in known here, and we presume that we know quite as much of the character of the proposed expedition as the Government can possibly know, it is to be altogether one of peace and colonization-one, which, under existing laws cannot be interfered with by our Government One, in which, also, our Government can take neither lot nor part, as it does not claim the right of preventing the peaceable emigration and denationalisation of its audjects. American citizens may, at will, become subjects of the King of Timbuctoo, as well as of the King of Mosquito. Having done so, how ever, they lose all claim to American protec tion, and from that time forward can only be known officially by this Government in case that, in their new phase of the subjects of fereign power, they trench on the rights of Americans who have not expatriated themselves. Then, and in that case, it is the duty of our authorities to bring them up with a round turn; which will be done, doubtless, with these colonists, if they give the Americans crossing the Nicaraguan isthmus any trouble. But, with Col. Kinney at the helm, we fear ne such trouble, as his methods, when or the Texan frontier, were all emphatically ways

The United States acknowledges no such nationality as that of Mosquito. So the story of an agreement between the British Minister and our State Department for the protection of the proposed colony is the sheerest possible gammon. We apprehend that no word or scratch of a pen on the subject has ever passed between them. Yet it is to be presumed that the British Minister will be gratified with the success of any colony of Anglo Saxons, claiming under the Mosquito King, the vassal of his Queen, it will be recollected; while it is equally clear that this Government can entertain nothing in connection with any project based on the sovereignty and eminent domain of the John Mitchell has retired from the ed- breechless figment of royalty which Britain itorial conduct of the Citizen. It has proved has set up in that quarter, and now seeks to uphold, only by way of getting a foothold on the Nicaraguan isthmus, because that has become of vast importance to the United States. to encourage the free expression of epinica as, so far, the shortest, healthiest, and most practicable highway to California and Oregon and Washing ton Territories.

Challenging "Old Sam "-It is said around he Washington hetels that three or four gentlemen are ready to challenge General Houston when he reaches Washington. This is nothing new. While he was in the Presidential Chair of Texas-during both his terms in that position-he was "challenged" perhaps half-a-dosen times a year, and since he has been in the United States Senate, there has rarely been a time when we did not have in Washington, during the sessions of Congress, more or less gentlemen, ancient Texan enethe State Military Association, in the city of mies of his, standing ready to "challenge" New York, on the 9th January next. him on the "drop of a hat." He was by long him on the "drop of a hat." He was, by long odds, the best abused man in Texas, having been systematically hunted by some forty of fifty persons, many of them having position some fourteen years ago) we asked him why he took no notice of the many challenges around him whose path he had had occasion to cross in the discharge of his public duties, whe, having nothing to lose, and for the most Mr. Hackley, editor of the Dubtque part being desperate men, would willingly risk their lives to obtain revenge on him, or to achieve the nominal position which his acceptance of their challenges would abcord to them; and further, that if he accepted a challenge from any one of them, he would thus set a precedent that might give him little of honor with his horde of personal enemies, one by one. He thought that too strong a might pass unscathed through the duel of tocept a challenge now, having recently joined member, as ever before. We feel very confivery apt to do his best to induce the chal

> The Very Last Roorback.—Bennett (bona fide news from Washington being exceedingly scarce) has revamped his old roerback about squabbles in the Cabinet and intrigues among its members to get each other out. This, it to your pop gun, nor do I feel inclined to send story of an approaching dissolution of the Cabinet, when he last took to making such prognostications, there being then just such a lack of true "news from Washington," as at present afflicts his columns. Of course, all he is now publishing in this connection of Cushing and Marcy, and Forney, and Pierce, and Davis, are the baldest falsehoods imaginable.

By the by, the little affair about the babies in Paris ought to be sufficient to gratify Ben nett's taste for scandal for a year to come One truth like that would suffice to choke off the propensity of any other living man but Bennett, to hunt up and publish what he well knows to be baseless and maliciously fabri-

cated untruths. Frauds under the Land Graduation Bill .-The Executive branch of the Government, in earnestly pointing out to Congress the way in which frauds are perpetrated under the bill of tion. the last session for the graduation of the price of the public lands, and urging legislation to prevent their recurrence, have discharged their whole duty en the point. Mr. Cobb, too, has The Wytheville Telegraph proposes the done his whole duty in the premises, having recommendation on the second day of the ses sion, and he has in an able and earnest speech induced the appropriation of Tuesday next by the House, for its consideration. Thus. if these frauds are to continue to be prac ticed, the country must place the responsi- of a national trust," and "of the confidence bility on Congress. It is for the majority of that body to say whether they will proceedings seems to be the leading motive of devote their time to the delivery of speeches this invective.

on general politics for Buncombe, or to The Administration and the Mosquito actual legislation on such subjects as the one in question. There are, at least, one hundred important business questions before Contime of either House is dedicated to Buncombe.

The Pacific Railroad .- Our distant readers may set it down that this subject will harily be touched during the remainder of the session. It will be debated, perhaps, by half-a-dozen gentlemen, whose constituents are supposed to be immediately interested in the subject: though it is well understood here that nothing practical is to be done in the premises. The next Congress will, probably, continue the discussion, and the next, and the next, and the next, But there is no earthly prospect that the General Government will move in the matter seriously, until after settlements shall have been made along the greater portion of some | seats. one of the proposed lines.

Sumbuge from Washington.-The reader will please class the story of an alleged correspondence between this Government and that of Ecuador, with reference to the transfer of the Galapagos Islands to the jurisdiction of the United States, under this head. We are certain that the subject has not entered into the negotiations of this Government; indeed that it has never been dreamed of here. Senator Benjamin's mission, in the direction of Ecuador, was entirely a private operation. He is, doubtless, anxious to secure those islands for a private American company, under the belief that they contain valuable deposits of guano; while General Villamil, formerly Ecuadorian Minister at Washington, who is the proprietor of one of them, is doubtless anxious to pocket his price for it in American gold. A gentlemán in London, a former Ecuadorean Consul-General there, and now agent for the English Ecuadorean bondholders, is probably interested with Mr. Senator Benjamin in his proposed purchase. This is the foundation for the story. We know that the pre tem. representative from Ecuador at this point knows nothing in the world-official from his Government-with reference to the matter. This is the age of humbugs, and Washington is the point from which they radiate.

Capt. Gibson.-The correspondent of the New York Times is not correct when he says that the President had prepared a message "suggesting more forcible arguments against the Dutch than diplamotic notes, which he was constrained to withhold at last out of deference to the views of his Cabinet." This story too comes fairly under the head of Co 'Humbugs from Washington."

An Army Pension agent Appointed .- Albert arcenlesf, Esq , Navy Agent at this point, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to be army pension agent, (as well as navy pension agent, to which post we announced his appointment some days ago,) vice Robert W. Latham, resigned.

The Sleep of War Jamestown, now at the Philadelphia navy-yard, is being fitted out with all possible dispatch to join the squadron on the west coast of Africa. She is expected to be ready for sea by the first of February

the Secretary of the Treasury. - We are

glad to learn that this gentleman's health is becoming better. He was able to be in his office day before yesterday, and to attend a Cabinet meeting yesterday. The Current Operations of the Treasury

Department.-On yesterday, the 28th of Dec there were of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department-

For the redemption of stock \$85,311 01 For paying Treasury debts..... 113,325 27 For the Customs..... 73,700 07 answer was that there were hundreds. For the War Department...... 19,429 16 For repaying in the War Department For the Navy Department..... 140,567 01 For repaying in the Navy Department..... For the Interior Department.... 31,902 51

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate, to-day, met, and after remainng but a few moments in session, during which they transacted no business of interest, they adjourned over until Tuesday next.

A CHALLENGE TO A DUEL, AND REPLY.-The New York Express says the following letters passed between two young members of the bar about a fortnight ago. The names of the parties, for obvious reasons, are suppressed. The laconic reply may teach a lesson to youngsters of fiery tempers, and were all similar challenges treated in a like manner, it would serve to check the desire of ambitious youths to see their names in print "according to the code" as men of honor. What was the upshot has

Thursday. DEAR SIR: -You are too well acquainted with the many deceits you have made use of to estrange the affections of Miss J-, for me to recount them. Let it suffice that I am in possession of a thorough knowledge of all your treacheries, and it only remains for you either to withdraw your intentions in toto, or to meet me as becomes a man of honor.

Your ob't. serv't. Your kind note of yesterday was received. My life is of so much value to my friends that I am not particularly desirous of exposing it ou where you are likely to meet with a warm reception.

Secondly -I have as great right to visit the lady, as she manifested good sense in hastening your exit, and shall continue to avail myself of that right.

Thirdly-I shall not meet you in a duel. Fourthly-If you indulge in further insolence, or offer to lay the weight of your finger on my valuable body, I promise you to beabor your attenuated carcase to my heart's Yours, &c.

Not classic, but au fait.

Protestant Episcopal "Brotherhoods" nd "Sisterhoods," in separate organisations, have been made the subject of some pointed censures by the Bishop of Western New York, in his recent address to the convention of that diocese. He pronounces them needless, cumbersome, and hazardous, forming a church within a church, and likely to become a sectional, exclusive, and inimical party organiza-

It is said that a new Democratic paper s to be established at New York, or the Day Book invigorated. The National Democrat, Chauncey Burr's paper, says the following gentlemen have subscribed for this purpose Fernando Wood, \$,5000; Heratio Seymour, \$5,000; Erastus Corning, \$5,000.

The Smithsonian Institute Management s denounced by the New York Tribune as wholly disgraceful"-as "a flagrant violation of the generous donor." The secresy of its

From the New York Herald. The Know Nothings - Important Manifesto of the National Council. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 15, 1854.

Tames W. Barker, Esq , President of State

Council of New York. DEAR SIR: Having been frequently ques-tioned, with strong manifestations of anxiety, by highly respectable parties belonging to the order in the State of New York, in reference to the truth of the alleged action of our recent National Council, upon certain particulars or consignment. affecting the order in that State; and having become convinced that there is in some quarter, a deliberate design to impress upon the members of the order the idea of disorganisation and confusion, I feel it to be my duty, in this official manner, to call your attention to the subject, that you may take such measures

1. It is industriously reported, in the interior of your State, that the delegates from the State Council of New York to the National Council were rejection by that body, and that a contesting set of delegates were admitted to

2. It is currently circulated that you were removed from the office of President of the National Council, and another elected in your

3. New grips, signs, pass-words, &c., have been given out by the persons who are parties to the above statements, and are asserted to be those that were determined upon by the National Council, and said to constitute the 'new work" of the order.

Now, sir, each and all of these statements are false in all their parts, and can only have been fabricated for incendiary purposes, by persons who are utterly reckless of truth and honor. I will notice them in the order that they occur above :

1. There was no contest for the seats of the lelegates from the State Council of New York. But one set of delegates appeared, and their sea's were not questioned at any period of the session. The delegates in attendance were Joseph E. Ebling, Calvin Walker, W. F. T. Chapman, N. S. Husted, Jas H Pratt, Daniel Ullmann, Samuel S. Guy, James W. Barker, and C. B. Allen. 2. You were not removed from your office

as President of the National Council. There

was no motion to that effect, nor any indica tion of such a motion. On the contrary, and by a "special vote," which was unanimous. all the efficers were retained in effice till the next regular session of the National Council. 3. The only copies of the "new work" in existence are the original copy now in my possession, and a perfect copy of the same, made by myself, which is in the hands of the printer Moreover, the delegates to the National Council are the only persons to whom the details of the "new work" were made known, and, in some instances, even they were not made acquainted with hem, as was the case with Mr. C. B. Allen, of your delegation. Indeed, it is very doubtful if any of the delegates, (even of those who were present,) are now competent to instruct any persons in the work. It is most probable that every one of them will need to be re-instructed.

clings of the transactions of the National -oancil, which have appeared at various times, during and since its session, are mere inventions; or, to speak more exactly, they are forged utterances and base coinings by men whom I have hitherto believed to be brave and true, and who would scorn to sacrifice the truth, even for the advancement of themselves or their darling ideas. As you were not present during all the de-

liberations of the National Council, I have thought that some official assurance, such as I thas given, might enable you to advise the various Councils of your State as to the real facts

Hoping sincerely that you may be able uiet the anxieties of those who have been disturbed by the idea of disorder, I am, yours CHAS. P. DESHLER, Cor. Sec. National Council.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT. New York, Dec. 16, 1854. Brother: The undersigned has deemed in advisable to transmit to you the accompany. ing communication from the Secretary of the N. C. U. S. of N A., which you will please present to your Council, in order to disabuse the minds of those members who may have been influenced by the false reports which a .. referred to therein, and appear to have been very industriously circulated by the enemies of the organization for able purposes. Fraternally,

J. W. BARKER. of the organization for base and unwarrant-

A RAILROAD IN MEXICO. - A highly important enterprise is about to be undertaken in Mexico. A gentleman has obtained authority from the Government to construct a railroad through the heart of the Republic. The route will embrace a strip of country something like 700 miles in length, and 600 in breadth, and will pass through a region unrivalled for richness of soil, mineral resources, and salubrity of climate. It will commence on the Rio Grande, and terminate on the Pacific ocean, at any suitable point between the mouth of the river Culiacum and the province of Sinalos on the north, and the port of Mansanilla in the province of Colima on the

CREDIT ON GROCERIES .- The Alexandria Gazette states that the wholesale grocery merchants of that city have, in conjuction with the merchants of other cities, determined te reduce their credit system from six to four months. In Richmond the credit on groceries has always been four months, and the Baltimore grocers have, within the last few months. in general meeting, resolved to reduce their credit from six to four months. This fact, says the Gazette, in connexion with the short crediting upon which grocers have to make their purchases, has induced this change with our grocers here.

LEAD.—The lords of the council, says a London correspondent, have stopped the ex portation of lead to any of the ports of the Baltic, unless their previous sanction is obtained. No less than ninety tons of pig lead were about to be shipped to the Prussian ports, intended, without doubt, for the brotherin law of the king, and his most worthy ally, the emperor of Russia.

Notice.-The Rev. P. D. Gurley, D.D. will reach in the Bridge street Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, on Sunday next, the 31st instant, at 8 o'c'ock p. m. Subject: Address to Parents. dec 29—1t*

an opportunity of having their names entered upon the Poll List, the Board of Assessor, will attend at their room, a' the City Hell on the even ings of Friday, the 29th, and Saturday, the 30th instant, from 6 o'clock until 9 p. m. T. F. HARRNESS,

Beemtary. The Ladies' Fair, as an Assistant to relieve St. Paul's Lutheran Church of its embarrassment, will be open at Odd Fellows' Hall THIS EVENING. OTRAYED AWAY YESTERDAY, a New Found-

I land PUP, about six months old, black and white spoited, comer to the rame ci Bruce. One of the most notable marks rece lested, is a black spot covering entirely the right eye. A liberal reward will be paid on his de livery at my warehouse, No. 70 Water st , George town. WM. H EDES. OFFERED WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. - Layer and Sultana Baisins, soft-shelled Almonds, su-

perior Cheese, choice Goshen Butier, fine flavored Teas, green and black, together with a general as soriment of GROCEBIES Many of these articles are just received. Also, will be in store speedily, lots of Fugar, Coffee, Balt. &c. &c. All of the above goods will be sold specially low for cash. Families, retailers, and all others invited to call

No. 529 Ninth street, directly opposite west end dec 29 - 3t* of Centre Market. ARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1855 Putnam's Magazine for January, 1855 Graham's do Godey's Lady's Book

Flackwood's Magazine for December Ruth Hall, by Penny Fera Together with a I the new Books received and for BUCKINGHAM'S National Periodical Depot, National Hotel.

SCHOOL.

MRS. GOODRICH will resume her School on Tuesday, the 2d of January. She has room for a few more scholars, at 435 Fifth street, between D and E streets. dec 29-1t0

NOTICE THE undersigned having formed a copartnership on the 26th instant, will continue to do besizers under the style of Hartwell & Johnson, at their auction and commission Watercoms, No. 289 Pa avenue, where they will receive goods upon storage On consignments liberal advances w'll be made.

J. K HARTWELL, T. S. J. JCHNSON.

dec 29-2t REDUCTION IN PRICE ON and after Monday next, January 1, 1855, until further notice, I shall reduce the price of Etheas will most effectually undeceive and reassure | rial Oil, or Spirit Gas, as follows: 90 cents per gallon

> 93 cents per quart
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My stock now comprises the largest and most elegant assortment in this city, embracing every ta-Brown & Allen, Boston, and by approved New York

he work. It is most probable that every one of them will need to be re-instructed.

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> New Music constantly received. Pennsylvania avenue NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Flutes, Accordeons, &c.

OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN RAILROAD COMPANY, Georgetown, D. C., Dec. 26, 1855. SEALED MOPOSALS for the grading, masonry.

and bridging of forty three and a half (43%) miles that road will be received at the office of the mornly until three o'clock p. m. on the 1 th de of spruary next. The maps, profiles, plans, and specifica ions will

bru-ry. The Metropolitan Railroad is designed to extend from the cities of Washington and Georgetown to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, by an easy and 1. rect route, connecting with the latter road east of the "Point of Rocks," on the Potomac river, and making a saving of distance on the first pinety miles of the present travelled route from the Capi tal to the Western and Northwestern States of for-

Proceeding from the point of intersection with the Baltimore and Chio Railroad the rout extents to the City of Frederick, and, passing through the ri hert agri ultural districts of Maryland, terminates in the City of Hegerstown, where it connects with lines of railroads, now in operation extending to Harrisburg, the Penusylvania Central Failroad, &c The portion of the road for which iproposals are now invited extends from the westerly line of the District of Columbia (83/4 miles from Georgetowa) to the city of Frederick. Proposals will be received for the work in sections

of one mile each, or for the entire distance of 43% The work is generally of a medium character for this part of the country, with some heavy cutting exists for prosecuting it vigorously and with eccuomy at all s'asons of he year. The country is e'e vated and rolling, well watered, and remarkably healthy.

The time c nditioned for the completion of the ntracts will be from one to two years. Any further information desired by persons pro posing for the work will be furnished at the off ce, or way be had by addressing the President of the company by letter ; rior to the day of letting. By order of the Board of Directors FRANCIS DODGE, President.

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